## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. An apparatus comprising:
- a hybrid network having a hybrid input, a receive input, and a hybrid
- 3 output, wherein the receive input is capacitively coupled to a subscriber line
- 4 carrying an upstream data signal and a downstream data signal;
- 5 a driver providing the upstream data signal to the subscriber line and
- 6 the hybrid input, wherein the driver is capacitively coupled to the hybrid
- 7 input, wherein the hybrid output provides the extracted downstream data
- 8 signal from the subscriber line.
- 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the hybrid network resides on an
- 2 integrated circuit die.
- 1 3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the driver resides on the same
- 2 integrated circuit die.
- 1 4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the hybrid network is a
- 2 complementary metal oxide semiconductor integrated circuit.
- 1 5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the upstream and downstream data
- 2 signals are multitone modulated data signals.

- 1 6. An apparatus, comprising:
- a hybrid network coupled to receive an upstream data signal and a
- 3 downstream data signal communicated on a subscriber line, the hybrid
- 4 network extracting the downstream data signal, wherein the hybrid network
- 5 order is less than or equal to 2.
- 1 7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the hybrid network further
- 2 comprises:
- a receive port coupled to receive a composite signal including the
- 4 upstream and downstream data signals from the subscriber line and the
- 5 upstream data signal from a driver, wherein a transfer function from the
- 6 driver to the receive port is  $\frac{Z(s)}{R_D + Z(s)}$ , wherein  $R_D$  is a driver output
- 7 impedance wherein Z(s) is a subscriber line impedance;
- 8 an output port providing the extracted downstream data signal,
- 9 wherein a transfer function from the receive port to the output port is
- 10  $K_{rx} \cdot \frac{s}{s + HYB0}$ , wherein HYB0 is programmatically adjustable, wherein  $K_{rx}$  is a
- 11 receive path gain.
- 1 8. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the hybrid network further
- 2 comprises:
- a hybrid input port coupled to receive the upstream data signal from
- 4 the driver, wherein a transfer function from hybrid input port to the hybrid
- output port is  $K_{HYB} \cdot \frac{s}{s + HYBP}$ , wherein HYBP is programmatically adjustable,
- 6 wherein  $K_{HYB}$  is a hybrid path gain.

- 1 9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the subscriber line impedance is
- 2 approximated by series coupled resistor  $R_{\chi}$  and capacitor  $C_{\chi}$ , wherein the
- 3 transfer function from the driver to the receive port to the output is
- 4  $K_{rx} \cdot \frac{1 + sC_xR_x}{1 + sC_x(R_x + 2R_D)} \cdot \frac{s}{s + HYB0}$ , wherein HYB0 is adjusted to have a value
- 5 substantially equivalent to  $\frac{1}{R_X C_X}$ , wherein
- 6 wherein HYB0 is adjusted to substantially match Z(s), wherein HYBP and
- 7 KHYB are selected such that  $K_{HYB} \cdot \frac{s}{s + HYBP}$  is substantially the same
- 8 as  $K_{rx} \cdot \frac{1 + sC_xR_x}{1 + sC_x(R_x + 2R_D)} \cdot \frac{s}{s + HYB0}$ .
- 1 10. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the hybrid network is tuned to
- 2 behave substantially as a first order network.
- 1 11. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the hybrid network resides on an
- 2 integrated circuit die.
- 1 12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the hybrid network is a
- 2 complementary metal oxide semiconductor integrated circuit.
- 1 13. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the upstream and downstream data
- 2 signals are multitone modulated data signals.